



# ARC-OVER

## Turlock Amateur Radio Club (T.A.R.C)



**W6BXN**

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### October 2024 Club Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday October 8, 2024, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting's start time is 7:00 PM. There will be an amateur radio testing session before the meeting at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 PM or as soon as the testing is finished.





From the desk of the V.P. and ARC-Over editor:

Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the October edition of the ARC-OVER.

It was great to see everyone at the last meeting. There are a lot of things going on and this will be a good meeting to attend. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Winlink presentation. At this month's meeting there will be a presentation on working community events by Lucian KF6NPG.

Speaking of working community events please consider participating in one of the club's upcoming events, the Turkey Trot, or the Christmas Parade. If you have never worked at an event and are a little apprehensive, do not worry. You can be assigned to work with someone to learn the ropes. Spencer KJ6ART will be asking for volunteers at the November meeting.

Also, you can put your amateur radio knowledge to use by joining either Merced or Stanislaus ARES. There you will receive additional training in emergency communications and be available to be a resource to your community.

Part 97 of the Code of Federal Regulations regulates the use of Amateur Radio.

**Excerpt Part 97 Rules of the Amateur Radio Service**

**CFR Title 47: Telecommunication**

**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§97.1 Basis and purpose.**

**Updated January 16, 2024**

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

**(a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service,**

**particularly with respect to providing emergency communications (emphasis added).**

(b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.

(c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.

(d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.

(e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

As you can see, the very first rule speaks to the use of amateur radio as a means of community service, especially in times of an emergency. Please consider volunteering to work at one of the club's events. It is not difficult, and you will have fun and will be serving the community.

The board has been making plans for the annual Christmas dinner held at the December meeting (December 10, 2024). The catered dinner will be at our regular meeting location, the Turlock Salvation Army. The menu will consist of Chicken Parmesan and pasta, salad, green beans, assorted bread, a dessert of gingerbread cake and coffee and water to drink. The cost is \$40.00 per person (including tip). If you want to attend the dinner payment must be given to the Treasurer MikeKG6VFL by November 30, 2024. He can start taking payment at this month's meeting. Erik K7RKU will have the square available to make an online payment using a debit or credit card.

If you have not already done so, please consider renewing your club membership. Dues pay for the club activities and most importantly paying the rent and maintenance of the club repeater system. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. During the club net last week, a new voice was heard. Thanks to Melinda KK6NWP she did a great job running the net. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact Ed at a club meeting or on the net to let him know.

We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to [info@w6bxn.org](mailto:info@w6bxn.org).



**PREZ SEZ:**

Bambi KI6YQL

Isn't it supposed to be fall? 100+ degrees says not yet! We have elections coming up and if you are interested in running for an office, please contact either Spencer KJ6ART or Walter KI6PBL. We also have our fall events the Turkey Trot and the Christmas parade. Be careful and stay hydrated and safe with this hopefully last blast of summer!



Amateur Radio Operators, or "hams," have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® ([www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares)) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets. **Congratulations to Dave KG6NUO, the new Emergency Coordinator for Merced ARES. Thanks to Richard W6ABJ (former Emergency Coordinator) for his service to the group. Richard had to step back due to work requirements.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Dave KG6NUO at [info@w6bxn.org](mailto:info@w6bxn.org).

**General Meeting Minutes**  
Turlock Amateur Radio Club  
09/10/2024, 7:00p

Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock

Meeting called to order at 6:58 pm by President Bambi (KI6YQL) with 15 members and guests in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited as a group. Each person in attendance introduced themselves.

**Secretary's Report**

President Bambi (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published in the Arc Over. Motion made by Jeff (KN6TFK) and seconded by Eric (K7RKU). Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** Mike (KG6VFL)

Debits: \$177.98 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion, \$50.00 to Suburban Propane for tank rental, \$420.00 to Curtis Revocable Family Trust for rental of Mt. Bullion site

Credits: \$70.00 dues collected, \$5.00 donation,  
Ending account balances: Checking \$4,841.87, CD \$5,046.21  
Currently 70 dues paid members. Last year at this time 76 dues paid members.

### **Repeater Chairman's Report**

Spencer (KJ6ART)

- D-Star equipment in the process of being relocated building to building on Mt. Bullion. Current challenge is close frequencies of APRS and the D-Star equipment from a physical proximity point of view now that they will be housed in the same building.
- Encouraging those who utilize the repeater system to support the repeater system financially by becoming members of TARC.
- Work is still underway on accepting Square payments via the website.

### **Membership Chairman's Report**

John (N6JCS) no report.

### **ArcOver Publisher's Report**

Lucian (KF6NPG) no report.

### **Vice President's Report**

Lucian (KF6NPG), upcoming meeting presentations

- September - Winlink, Lucian (KF6NPG)

### **Merced ARES Report**

Dave (KG6NUO), A Merced ARES meeting will be held this month at the Pizza Factory.

### **VEC Report**

No report

### **Old Business**

- No old business

### **New Business**

- Announcement by president Bambi (KI6YQL) inviting members to the Christmas dinner to be held at the December club meeting.
- Ed (K6ERD) who has hosted the Tuesday evening net invited others to serve as net control.

- Announcement by president Bambi (KI6YQL) regarding upcoming opportunities for member involvement - Turkey Trot and Christmas parade in Turlock.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 pm. Motion made by Ed (K6ERD) and seconded by Eric (K7RKU). Motion carried.

Eric (K7RKU), Secretary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2024.**

February 13, 2024, April 9, 2024, June 11, 2024 (CANCELLED), August 13, 2024, and October 8, 2024.

### October

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>. Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. An amateur radio license test session is scheduled before the meeting at 6:00 pm. There will be a presentation on participating as an amateur radio operator supporting a community event by Lucian KF6NPG.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

Friday -Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, Pacificon at the San Ramon Marriott. See the flier below for more information. The web site is [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org).

### November

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. There will be a presentation on tips for programming a radio by Lucian KF6NPG.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> The City of Turlock's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot Fun Run. See the attached flier for more information.



## December

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> The City of Turlock's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade. Details to follow.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>. Club meeting at 7:00 pm at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. The annual club Christmas Party will be held at this meeting.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory 3146 G Street Merced, CA.



The 2023 Turlock Christmas Parade crew.



# PACIFICON<sup>SM</sup> 2024



All Day Friday  
Antenna Seminar

Saturday Breakfast  
with Gordon West

Friday evening  
MDARC Meeting  
featuring Ed Fong



Latest  
Ham Radio  
Equipment for Sale

Ham License Testing

Get-On-The-Air  
Special Events Station



## ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION HAM RADIO CONVENTION

*Experience three great  
days of activities at Pacificon!!*

*Produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club*

October 18, 19 & 20, 2024  
San Ramon Marriott  
2600 Bishop Drive  
San Ramon, California 94583

**GENERAL ADMISSION:  
\$35 IN ADVANCE - FOR ALL 3 DAYS!**

*Tickets at the door will cost \$45; 17 years old & under are free;  
College Students with valid student ID (25 & under): \$5*

*\*\* Some events have additional cost \*\**

If you need hotel accommodations  
either reserve your room on-line at  
[www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org), or call Marriott Hotel Reservations  
at 925-867-9200, by Sept 25, 2024 (per availability)  
to ask for the Special Pacificon rate of \$167/night

**Go to the Pacificon Website for  
Events - Schedules - Registration  
[WWW.PACIFICON.ORG](http://WWW.PACIFICON.ORG)**

*\*\* Events are subject to change – check website \*\*  
For current "Pacificon Rules and Policies" see website*



Outstanding  
Technical Forums

Sunday  
Swap Meet

Electronics  
Kit Building

Scout JOTA-JOTI &  
Merit Badge Class



Gordon West's  
Ham Instructor Academy

Saturday Banquet  
with Keynote Speaker

One Day Technician  
License Prep Class

T-Hunts!  
Saturday & Sunday



THE CITY OF TURLOCK PRESENTS...

# 50TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT



NOVEMBER 23, 2024

## AGES 12 & UNDER

1 Mile Run  
\$20.00

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## AGES 13 & UP

1 Mile Walk  
\$20.00

No age category prizes. Just for fun!

(OR)

2 Mile Run  
\$25.00

## REGISTER

Until  
October 17 to  
secure a custom  
race shirt!

Registrations after 10/17 will  
not be guaranteed a race shirt

Prizes for top finishers in  
each age category and all  
participants will be  
entered into the  
opportunity drawing!

## CONTACT US

📞 209-668-5594

✉ [recreation@turlock.ca.us](mailto:recreation@turlock.ca.us)

[Register.CommunityPass.net/TurlockCity](https://Register.CommunityPass.net/TurlockCity)



The run is held at Donnelly Park in Turlock. Runner check in is 8:15 am.  
The 1-mile run starts at 9:00 am. The 2-mile run starts 5 minutes after the last  
runner of the 1-mile run.

## **TARC System Nets**

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

## **2024 Dues**

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2024. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

## **2024 Club Officers**

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to [info@w6bxn.org](mailto:info@w6bxn.org).

President Bambi KI6YQL

Vice President/ARC-OVER Editor Lucian KF6NPG

Secretary Eric K7RKU

Treasurer Mike KG6VFL

Sergeant at Arms Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large/ Membership John N6JCS

Member at Large Lynn KM6DKF

Club Trustee Spencer KJ6ART

